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RESPONSE TO ACTION MAILED APRIL 1, 1997

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED TWICE) A method of [compressing an image  
having at least three textures, comprising:]

compressing a digital image having at least three  
textures to reduce the amount of storage space required for  
holding it prior to a time when the image is to be displayed,  
comprising:

generating a [map] bitmap representing boundaries  
separating regions in said image, [the map comprising a bitmap,]  
said boundaries comprising pixels of said image, at least one of  
said regions comprising pixels of said image; [and]

generating a pointer for each of said regions  
[pointers], each of said pointers associating [one of said  
regions] its respective region with one of said textures[, said  
regions comprising pixels]; and

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